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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Senior Health Policy Manager
RE: FEATHERSTONE REID AWARD NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Background and Summary:

On October 10, 2001, the State Board of Health adopted the following motion:

The State Board of Health shall assist the secretary of health in the selection of nominees for the Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care. The Chair, with the assistance of Board staff, will issue a call for nominations on or about October 1 of each year. Nominations will be due by December 31. During January, a committee will review the nominations and recommend a finalist or list of finalists to the full Board. The committee shall comprise (1) one member of the Board appointed by the Chair; (2) the Executive Director of the Board or a designee; (3) one staff person from the Department of Health selected by the Secretary; (4) one staff person from the Health Care Authority selected by the Administrator; (5) one health care provider recruited by Board staff; and (6) one administrator from a health care facility recruited by Board staff. The Board will consider the committee's recommendations during the first meeting held after February 1 and communicate its findings to the secretary immediately thereafter.

Consistent with the motion, Chair Linda Lake issued a call for nominations in October. The nomination review committee convened January 17 to review all nominations received by the December 31 deadline. Present were Board Chair Linda Lake; Board staff member Craig McLaughlin; Scott Bond, Administrator, Providence St. Peter Hospital; Bob Blacksmith, Health Care Authority; and Dr. Maxine Hayes, Department of Health (Dr. Dick Seaman was unable to participate). After much discussion of the merits of the nominations, the committee reached consensus to forward the nomination of the Snohomish County Human Services Division of Alcohol and Other Drugs to the full Board. Committee members spoke of the importance of the program's ability to quantify successful outcomes.

Possible Board Action:

I recommend the Board adopt the following motion.

The Board accepts the recommendation of the nomination review committee and will transmit the application of the Snohomish County Human Services Division of Alcohol and Other Drugs to the secretary of health for further consideration.

Attachments